

IN THE CLAIMS

8. (Previously Amended) A bag for attachment to a breastmilk pump for containing breastmilk, the bag when flattened defining a perimeter to the bag, comprising:

a thermoplastic film bag body having a front and back when flattened, said front and back being joined by a first seal, said first seal being a permanent seal and defining a liquid containing portion;

an opening defined in said bag at a top of said bag through which milk is introduced into said liquid containing portion which opening is used for attachment of said bag to the breastpump;

said first seal further defining a writing area formed integral with said bag by joining said front and back inboard of the bag perimeter in facial engagement to define said writing area, said writing area further being isolated from said liquid containing portion and located at a bottom of said bag opposite said top; and

a pour spout formed integral with said bag and defined by said first seal, said pour spout being contiguous with an inboard side of said writing area along an inboard part of said first seal defining said writing area, whereby said inboard part of said first seal forms a stop when said pour spout is opened.

9. (Original) The bag of claim 8 further including a notch formed at the periphery of said bag and adjacent to said pour spout to tear said bag at said pour spout so that contained milk can be poured from the bag.

10. (Previously Amended) The bag of claim 8 further having a second seal, said second seal being releasable and defining said opening in said liquid containing portion for attachment of said bag to the breastmilk pump, said second seal being peeled open to form said opening.

11. (Previously Amended) The bag of claim 10 further having a tie and at least two holes formed in said bag for receiving said tie at substantially opposite sides of said opening, said two holes being isolated from said opening, whereby said tie when fit through said holes and cinched closes said opening when said bag is removed from the breastmilk pump.

12. (Previously Amended) A bag for attachment to a breastmilk pump for containing breastmilk, the bag when flattened defining a perimeter to the bag, comprising:

- a plastic film body having a front and a back when flattened and being joined to form a liquid containing portion which is initially empty of contents and hermetically sealed, said front and back being joined by a first seal line, said first seal line being a permanent seal and defining said liquid containing portion;

- a second seal line joining said front and back, said second seal line being releasable and defining an opening in said liquid containing portion, said opening being initially closed for said hermetic seal, said second seal line being peeled apart to form said opening for admission of milk into said liquid containing portion; and

- a writing area formed integral with said bag by said first seal line joining said front and back inboard of the bag perimeter in facial engagement to define said writing area, said writing area further being isolated from said liquid containing portion whereby when milk is expressed into said liquid containing portion of said bag said integral writing area remains free of milk therebelow.

13. (Original) The bag of claim 12 having a pour spout formed integral with said bag and being defined by said first seal, a notch being formed at the periphery of said bag and adjacent to said pour spout to tear said bag at said pour spout so that contained milk can be poured from said bag, said writing area having a common side with said pour spout formed by said first seal line.

14. (Original) The bag of claim 12 further including a tie, and at least two holes formed in said bag for receiving said tie at substantially opposite side of said opening, whereby said tie when fit through said holes and cinched closes said opening when said bag is removed from the breastmilk pump.

19. (Previously Added) A bag for attachment to a breastmilk pump for containing breastmilk, or for otherwise receiving breastmilk, the bag when flattened defining a perimeter to the bag, comprising:

- a thermoplastic film front sheet and a thermoplastic film back sheet, said front and back sheets being joined by a first seal, said first seal being a permanent seal and defining an initially empty liquid containing portion;
- a writing area formed integral with said bag by said first seal by further joining said front and back sheets inboard of the bag perimeter in facial engagement to define said writing area, said writing area being isolated from said liquid containing portion at a bottom end of said bag spaced from a top end opening defined in a top end of said bag through which milk is introduced into said liquid containing portion, said top end opening being also sized for attachment of said bag to a breastpump, whereby when milk is expressed into said liquid containing portion of said bag said integral writing area remains free of milk therebelow and is freely accessible for writing thereon;
- a pour spout portion formed integral with said bag and defined by said first seal, said pour spout being at said bottom end and contiguous with said writing area along an inboard side of said first seal defining said writing area, said inboard part of said first seal means forming a stop when said spout is opened;
- a second seal joining said front and back sheets adjacent said top end, said second seal being releasable and defining said opening when peeled apart, said first and second seals rendering said first and second sheets initially hermetically sealed; and
- tie means for closing said opening after admission of breastmilk into said bag, said bag further having two holes formed therein for receiving said tie means, said holes being on opposite sides of said opening and isolated from said liquid containing portion.

20. (Currently Amended) A disposable bag adapted to contain breast milk, comprising a flexible closed enclosure defining a chamber adapted to contain therein breast milk, said enclosure being permanently sealed except at one portion thereof which comprises a releasable sealed seam bag access adapted to ~~substantially~~ seal said bag in a first position thereof but also adapted to selectively allow in a second position thereof the breast milk to be introduced in said chamber when it is desired to use said bag, whereby once in said second position the breast milk can be received in said bag, wherein said bag ~~comprises~~ includes a section formed integral with said bag and located remote from said enclosure and adapted for receiving thereon information about a content of said bag.

21. (Previously Added) A disposable bag as defined in claim 20, wherein said section comprises at least a first area for indicating thereon a date of filling of said enclosure with breast milk.

22. (Currently Amended) A disposable bag as defined in claim 21, wherein said section is also ~~comprises a second area~~ capable for indicating thereon a volume of breast milk introduced in said enclosure.

23. (Previously Added) A disposable bag as defined in claim 20, wherein said bag is made from a plastic tube permanently closed at a lower end thereof by a lower seal thereby delimiting a bottom end of said enclosure, said section extending from said lower seal away from said enclosure.

24. (Previously Added) A disposable sterile plastic bag in combination with a bag holder, said bag being adapted to contain milk, said bag holder comprising a hollow body and a cap provided with a nipple and being adapted for feeding a baby, said bag holder being adapted for receiving therein said bag, said bag comprising a flexible closed enclosure defining a chamber adapted to contain milk therein, said enclosure being permanently sealed except at one portion thereof which comprises a bag access adapted to ~~substantially~~ releasably seal said bag in a first position thereof but also adapted to selectively allow in a second position thereof the milk to be introduced in said chamber when it is desired to use said bag, wherein, once in said second position, a top end of said bag can be folded over an upper end of said bag holder with said cap being engageable to said upper end of said bag holder for imprisoning said top end of said bag between said cap and said upper end of said bag holder such that said bag hangs in said bag holder with milk being introduced in said bag at least one of before and after said bag is inserted in said bag holder and mounted thereto, wherein said bag ~~comprises~~ includes a section formed integral with said bag and located remote from said enclosure and adapted for receiving thereon information about a content of said bag.

25. (Previously Added) A method of substantially sterilely handling breast milk, comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a closed disposable sterile bag comprising a tear off strip and providing a bag holder;
- b) removing said tear off strip to reveal a milk receiving chamber of said bag; and
- c) mounting said bag to said bag holder; wherein milk is introduced in said chamber between said steps b) and c) or after step c).

26. (Previously Added) A method as defined in claim 25, wherein after step b), said bag is attached to a breast pumping device such that breast milk retrieved by said pumping device is directly delivered through into said bag.